GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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EXTRACTION OF GROUND WATER BY MNCs
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that multi-national companies are commercializing and exploiting ground water;

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government against such companies; and

(c) the steps taken to protect the water from commercialization and exploitation in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) Water being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments and the licensing authority in the State, the State Pollution Control Board, to take remedial measures to check over- exploitation of ground water. However, the following remedial measures are also envisaged by the Central Government:-

(i) Regulation of ground water withdrawal.

(ii) Adopting artificial recharge.

(iii) Treatment and recycling of industrial waste water.